

# Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS)

Providing free legal services  
to vulnerable and low-  
income clients within 13  
counties and farmworkers  
throughout the State of  
Florida since 1966.



**Florida Rural Legal Service, Inc.  
Program Toll-Free Hotline  
1.888.582.3410**

**Toll-Free Migrant Farmworker  
Hotline  
1-844-44FARMWORKER  
1.844.443.2769**

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## SERVICES PROVIDED

- Family Law
- Housing Protection (eviction prevention, foreclosure prevention, Heir's property/Land loss prevention)
- Migrant/Farmworkers
- Public Benefits
- Consumer Law
- Elder Law
- Immigration Law
- Individual Rights
- Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
- Community Economic Development
- Voters' Rights Restoration
- Low Income Tax Clinic (LITC)



## VOLUNTEERS

FRLS has many volunteer opportunities through intern/externship and outreach events.

Interested applicants should visit [www.frls.org/volunteer](http://www.frls.org/volunteer) or visit FRLS social media platform on Facebook or Twitter to find out about volunteer opportunities.



## Who We Are

### About Us

Our attorneys and staff work to create opportunities for the most vulnerable individuals and families to find their path out of poverty, live independently, and contribute to making our society a better place for all of us to live.

Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. was founded in 1966 as a private, non-profit corporation. FRLS provides free civil legal assistance to low-income families in thirteen counties within Central and South Florida: Hardee, Highlands, Polk, Charlotte, Desoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie and Palm Beach. FRLS also provides legal assistance to migrants/farmworkers throughout the state of Florida.



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*FRLS does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, clients, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.*

### Serving the following counties:

Lakeland Office serves Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties	Punta Gorda Office serves Charlotte County	Fort Pierce Office serves Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie
Immokalee Office serves Statewide Migrants Farmworker Services	Belle Glade Office serves Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, and Canal Point Counties	Fort Myers Office serves Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades, De Soto and Hardee
Riviera Beach Office serves Palm Beach County		



## HOUSING LAW

FRLS may provide free legal assistance for those being unfairly evicted, protect renters with disabilities, combat unlawful fees, secure safe housing conditions, stop illegal lockouts and shutoffs, preserve public housing, defend mortgage foreclosures, terminations of tenancy, and more.

### Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

FRLS in partnership with county, state and/or federal funding has access to assist with ERA. Most ERA provide rental and utilities assistance for past due payments up to 12 months; and 3 months future rental assistance to those who have been impacted by Covid-19. The ERA program is currently available in:

- Polk County
- Palm Beach County



## MIGRANT/FARMWORKERS

FRLS provides education, legal information, advice, and representation to eligible workers in the areas of employment, benefits, immigration, housing, safety as well as other civil legal issues that directly impact agricultural workers living throughout the state.

## PUBLIC BENEFITS

FRLS provides a safety net of basic living necessities for the most vulnerable people; seniors on fixed incomes; persons with disabilities; homeless veterans; and children. FRLS helps prevent the loss or reduction of their public benefits. Such as:

- Social Security Benefits
- Food Stamps Termination
- Unemployment Issues
- Disability Benefits Termination

## COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED)

FRLS and FAMU Law partnership has launched the CED Law Clinic. The Clinic offers free legal assistance to qualifying seed and early stage food industry entrepreneurs in need but unable to afford an attorney on their own.

The CED program includes the **Heirs' Property Prevention and Resolution** because farmers need land to cultivate their products, and probate expenses are an economic barrier in a lot of minority communities. The program provides services for the following and more:

- Article of Incorporation
- Assignment and Agreement to Assign
- Copyright
- Business Formation, Tax planning
- Commercial Contracts
- Copyright & Trademark
- Clear Title Actions
- Drafting & Review
- Employment Contracts
- Filing Requirements
- Financing Proposals and Investor Term Sheets
- Independent contractor agreements
- IRS filing for EIN numbers
- Licenses, permits
- Local and federal law
- Negotiation
- Nondisclosure
- Operating agreements, bylaws
- Patents
- Wills, Trust & Probate

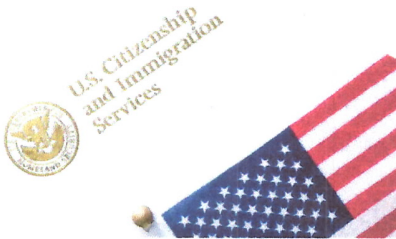




## CONSUMER LAW

We help low-income consumers achieve financial stability by providing services in bankruptcy, collection abuse, fraud, exploitation, violations of the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, and unlawful garnishment.

Civil legal aid helps consumers assert their rights to fair and legal treatment in their financial affairs.



## IMMIGRATION LAW

- VAWA- Path to citizenship if abused by U.S. Citizen/LPR Spouse, Former Spouse (within 2 years), Parents, or Siblings (if U.S. Citizen).
  - T Visa- Path to citizenship if trafficked for sex/labor.
  - U Visa- Path to citizenship if survivor of certain criminal activities.
  - SIJS- Path to citizenship if unmarried, under 21 years old and abused, neglected, or abandoned by one or both parents.
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